SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS

## COMMUNICATION

FROM

## THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATES OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS, AMOUNTING TO \$6,723,000

FEBRUARY 6, 1939.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE, Washington, February 3, 1939.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress supplemental estimates of appropriations for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, amounting to \$6,723,000. Of this amount \$4,000,000 is for facilities at the proposed new Sunny-vale, Calif., research station, for which the committee is authorized to enter into a contract or contracts in a total amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000.

The details of these estimates, the necessity therefor, and the reason for their submission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget, transmitted herewith,

with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

Bureau of the Budget, Washington, February 2, 1939.

The President,

The White House.

Sir: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration supplemental estimates of appropriations for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, amounting to \$6,723,000. Of this amount \$4,000,000 is for facilities at the proposed new Sunnyvale, Calif., research station, for which the committee is authorized to enter into a contract or contracts in a total amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000.

## NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AERONAUTICS

Advisory Committee for Aeronautics: For an additional amount for scientific research, technical investigations, and special reports in the field of aeronautics, fiscal years 1939 and 1940, including the same objects and under the same limitations specified in the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1940, \$583,000; Provided, That the limitation under this head in said Act upon the amount that may be expended for personal services in the District of Columbia during the fiscal year 1940 is hereby increased to \$155,000 (50 U. S. C. 51; 52 Stat. 420,

973-1030).

Construction and equipment, National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics: For construction and equipment of additional laboratory buildings and research facilities on military reservations at Langley Field, Virginia, and at Sunnyvale, California, including connections to public utilities, and rights-of-way for, and installation of, power lines, and including expenses in the District of Columbia and elsewhere for the preparation of plans and specifications, advertising, traveling expenses, and supervising of construction, to be immediately available and to remain available until expended, \$6,140,000, of which amount \$2,140,000 shall be available for the construction and equipment of buildings and facilities at Langley Field, Virginia, and \$4,000,000 shall be available for the construction and equipment of buildings and facilities at Sunnyvale, California: Provided, That the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics is authorized to enter into a contract or contracts for construction and equipment of buildings and facilities at Sunnyvale, California, at a total cost of not to exceed \$10,000,000 (5 U. S. C. 151; 52 Stat. 420, 973–1030).

The supplemental estimate for salaries and expenses will enable the Committee to keep abreast of the numerous recent requests of the military establishments for the solution of problems relative to fundamental research and investigations in the field of aeronautics. This will be accomplished by an increase in technical employees and by expanding the Committee's program of encouraging research in scientific and educational institutions and contracting with such institutions for reports on special problems which such institutions are qualified and equipped to undertake.

The estimate for constructing and equipping additional laboratories and to provide essential facilities at Langley Field, Va., will permit the Committee more promptly to complete work now on hand and to prepare in part for the large increase in requests that is anticipated in connection with the contemplated expansion in military and civil

aeronautical activities.

The proposed new station at Sunnyvale, Calif., is to be located upon land owned by the Army, of which approximately 50 acres are to be allotted for use by the Committee. Several of the facilities proposed for this station are similar in character but represent material improvements over those now in operation at Langley Field. In every case the facilities will be so designed as to provide for the investigation of

the new range of problems arising from the development of aircraft of higher speed and larger size, and will enable the Committee to meet the demands for scientific data relating to the design of military aircraft and to keep pace with the demands of the industry for research information. Space is not available at Langley Field for all of the additional facilities needed, and a special committee appointed by the Chairman of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics has determined that Sunnyvale, Calif., is the location best suited for the construction of the necessary additional aeronautical research center.

These supplemental estimates are required to meet contingencies which have arisen since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal

year 1940, and their approval is recommended.

Very respectfully,

Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

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